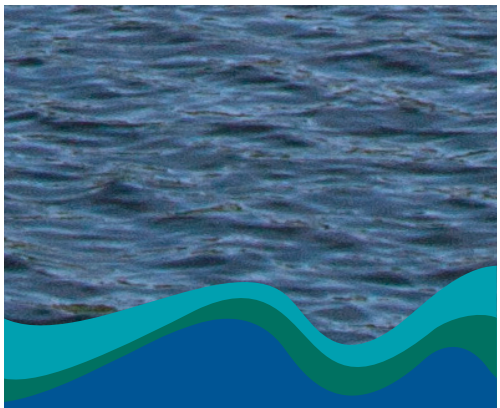

ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (ESMS)

Sound Transit manages and improves environmental performance through a system certified to international environmental standards (ISO 14001).

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

The Sound Transit Board authorized the establishment of a Sustainability Initiative in 2007. It requires that sustainable practices be incorporated throughout all Sound Transit activities. It also requires that targets be established as part of the ESMS and that progress reports be provided to the Board. The agency's CEO subsequently issued an Executive Order directing staff to implement the Sustainability Initiative.

The ESMS is managed by an intra-agency Steering Committee. Additional information is available on www.soundtransit.org and the agency's intranet. Questions or comments can be sent to esms@soundtransit.org

Sound Transit protecting the environment

Sound Transit integrates environmental ethics and sustainable business practices into planning, designing, constructing and operating new and existing transit systems and facilities. Environmental stewardship is a responsibility of all employees. Sound Transit's Environmental Policy was adopted by the Sound Transit Board in April 2004.

SOUND TRANSIT ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Sound Transit is committed to the protection of the environment for present and future generations as we provide high capacity transit to the Puget Sound region. Sound Transit has been a catalyst and model for engaging federal and state partners to resolve environmental issues that apply to our program. We will continue to be an environmental leader in the State of Washington through the integration of the following principles into our daily business practices:

- We will fully comply with all environmental laws and regulations. We will strive to exceed compliance by the continual improvement of our environmental performance through cost-effective innovation and self-assessment.

- We will restore the environment by providing mitigation and corrective action, and will monitor to ensure that environmental commitments are implemented. We will improve our ability to manage and account for environmental risk.

- We will avoid environmental degradation by minimizing releases to air, water and land. We will prevent pollution and conserve resources by reducing waste, reusing materials, recycling and preferentially purchasing materials with recycled content.

- We will increase the awareness of environmental issues among agency employees through education and training. We will continue to educate the public about the environmental benefits of our transit system. We will build relationships with our contractors, vendors, consultants and transit partners during planning, design, construction and operation to protect and enhance the environment.

- In order to implement this Policy, Sound Transit has established and maintains an Environmental & Sustainability Management System (ESMS) with environmental objectives and targets that are measurable, meaningful and understandable. The goals and progress of this Policy and the ESMS are communicated to agency board members, officers, employees and the public.

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